

REMARKS

Claims 11-34 are pending, with claims 11, 16, 21, 25 and 33 being independent. Claims 11, 16, 21, 25 and 33 have been amended. Claim 31 has been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 11-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 23-27, 29, 30 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the Lock Reservation paper (hereinafter "Koseki"). Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being anticipated over Koseki, in view of the Transactional Memory paper (hereinafter "Moss"). Claims 14, 19, 22, 28 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being anticipated over Koseki, in view of "Common Art". Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, the independent claims have been amended to obviate the rejections.

The Office has indicated that claim 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 31 has been cancelled without prejudice, and independent claim 25 has been amended to include the language of cancelled claim 31. In addition, each of independent claims 11, 16, 21 and 33 have been amended to include the identified patentable feature of cancelled claim 31.

Thus, each of claims 11-30 and 32-34 should be in condition for allowance based on at least these amendments.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that issue or comment. Because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

It is respectfully suggested for all of these reasons, that the current rejections are overcome, that none of the cited art teaches or suggests the features which are claimed, and therefore that all of these claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is thus respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due with this response.

Nonetheless, please apply any necessary charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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